

tionable controversial matters alone. In this he showed his wisdom; probably he was forewarned. Rev. J. A. Morison's manly letter in the daily press showed that Toronto Presbyterians were not likely to submit to an exposition of erroneous views, such as those on Baptism, attributed to Mr. Robertson in his published sermons.

On the other hand, taken as an Evangelist, preaching the Gospel of Christ, Mr. Robertson was cordially welcomed, and the special circumstances under which the meetings were held were the most likely cause of the attendance having been smaller than had been hoped for. It was the week of the Industrial Fair when many of the citizens were busy with onerous engagements, and the home circles were kept busy with attendance on visiting friends. Those who heard Mr. Robertson speak, testify to his earnestness, his lucidity and his fervent desire to win souls, and had circumstances been more favorable no doubt the great auditorium of Cooke's church would have been as well filled as it was last Sabbath evening when the pastor, Rev. W. Patterson, preached.

#### BETTING DEBTS.

THE Christian world is, fortunately, not often shocked now-a-days by judges in their judicial deliverances showing sympathy with "betting." The force of public opinion, and let us believe, the high standard set for themselves by the occupants of the bench, have resulted in a bench generally favorable to religious and moral principles. Yet, only the other day a judge was found in the city of London who gave the weight of his position to the wrong side in a betting case. The plaintiff sued for a bet which he had won and the judge held that as it "was a debt of honor it ought to have been paid before any other debts," adding that he knew such was not the theory of the present day. The judgment and these remarks have of course reised a storm and the ethics of gambling are being discussed in the clubs and journals. One of the latter sums up a denunciation thus: We have small sympathy for the men who seek to evade the consequences of any foolishness so deliberate as gambling; but the pernicious doctrine that debts of this kind have a prior or even equal claim to obligations incurred in legitimate business, cannot be allowed to pass without emphatic dissent. For gambling is false in theory, dishonourable in principle and immoral in practice.

#### JEWISH MISSIONS.

WE have frequent instances of the value of work among Jews by Jews converted to Christianity. The race feeling is keen, and the footing upon which the kinsmen are approached gives the missionary Jew an advantage. This is how mission work among the Jews appears to a converted Jew:—

Missions to the Jews rest upon the same ground as missions to any other people. A "mission" is a "sending out." Missionaries are men sent out to preach to people the glad tidings of salvation which God has provided for mankind. Missionaries to the Jews are men sent out to preach this good news to Jewish people. If men are sent out to do anything else, they are not properly Christian missionaries. We should send missionaries to the Jews because it is in our nature, if we possess any idea we think of value, to desire that every one should accept it. Especially is this so if we think we have in view a lofty and excellent ideal. If we do not this, it is a confession that we have no proper ideal worth the name. Another reason why we should send our missionaries to the Jews is that we have charity and love towards them. We believe that the one sure and certain way to enter the Kingdom of God is through Christ. We are not disposed to say what may

be the lot of those who have lived godly lives and who have not worshipped Jesus Christ. We are not disposed to limit the operations of divine grace. But we believe that Christ is Life Eternal. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We are sad when God's children are astray and do not accept the safe and sure way. A third reason why we should send missionaries to the Jews is our Lord's great command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our Leader and Master has bidden us. The loyal follower of Christ considers no alternative. "If a man love me he will keep my words," says our Master. As disciples of that Master, as servants of that Lord, what can we do but send forth those to proclaim these glad tidings "to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile?" Jesus asks us to do no wrong—to cheat, to deceive, or to bribe,—but to teach, to make known His message, to declare His counsel in love, to speak what we believe to be the truth.

#### COLLEGE STUDENTS.

THE representatives of the Intercollegiate Young Men's Christian Association movement in the various universities throughout the Dominion, are desirous of receiving and as far as possible assisting all new students, and invite pastors, parents and friends of students, as well as students themselves, to communicate with them with this end in view. For the information of any who may not be familiar with the work of the movement, it may be said that associations are organized in all the larger colleges, with common headquarters and social and reading rooms, and college men themselves as officers and leaders. Handbooks of information of special value to new students are annually prepared and distributed free of charge. Reception committees stand ready to welcome the men upon their arrival, whose aim it is to introduce them to the best and most helpful circles of acquaintance, both in and out of the college. Thus, and in other ways, advantage is taken of the recognized fact that there is no time to reach and help a man comparable to the transition period of his entrance upon college life. The handbook referred to above will be promptly mailed upon request. All communications should be addressed to the General Secretary at the Y. M. C. A. of the institution to which the student is going.

#### WOMAN'S WORK.

THE part played by women in the religious and social public world is sometimes overlooked even by those who share most in its benefits, for, from whatever cause—let us say it is modesty—that work is not as fully reported in the press as it might be. With the returning activities of autumn we are forcibly reminded of the many organizations through which woman's efforts for the betterment of the race are directed and controlled. Already meetings are being held to plan the work for the winter, in charitable temperance, and missionary channels.

The charitable institutions of the cities owe very much to woman's thoughtful help and ever ready sympathy. The missionary societies owe even more, and in temperance work, woman, the guardian of the home, naturally makes her power felt. Long may she lead in these movements. Her advent in such work has revolutionized manners and customs long established and thought to be stable beyond change. Her influence is ever for the right, and it is great. She has obtained a firm and sure footing and means to go forward in her reforms. The church can welcome her freely and fully, for it has shared in her triumphs and found her a daughter worthy of its highest love. In all her undertakings for the common good we wish her God speed, and this, tall when she will be so much in evidence in Ontario, we bespeak for organized women the sympathy and support their work so richly deserves.